

Washington, DC – On Wednesday, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez continued her monthly veterans’ outreach program and named Operation Desert Storm veteran Brian Moralez as the 39th Congressional District’s “Veteran of the Month” for January 2011. Mr. Moralez was chosen by Congresswoman Sánchez’s Veterans Advisory Council.

Brian Moralez joined the California National Guard as a Combat Engineer in 1986, later transferring into the 2668th Transportation Unit in 1990. Mr. Moralez was then transferred to the 101st Airborne Division and deployed to Operation Desert Storm. He returned to Southern California in 1993 and joined the American Legion, where he later became Commander of American Legion “Sunshine Acres” Post 477. Mr. Moralez has gone on to hold several officer positions with 19th District of the American Legion in Los Angeles County.

“Mr. Moralez has a passion for public service that is inspirational,” said Congresswoman Sánchez. **“Not only did he serve our country with his military service, but Mr. Moralez continues to make sure our veterans are recognized and supported. His involvement in the community is a great example for our younger generation to follow.”**

Mr. Moralez currently serves as the sergeant-at-arms of the Whittier County Sheriff’s Community Advisory Council. He is also a charter member and vice president of the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day (WHVVD) in Whittier. For his community service, Mr. Moralez has received many awards, including *Volunteer of the Year* by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and *Patriot of the Year* by the Whittier County Community Coordinating Council.

Mr. Moralez has five children and four grandchildren. He is also an avid antique car enthusiast.

Congresswoman Sánchez’ “Veteran of the Month” program is coordinated by her Veterans Advisory Council, composed of distinguished veterans from across the district. Each month, a veteran will be recognized for service overseas and here at home. For more information regarding the “Veteran of the Month Program” please contact Mr. Jesse Cheng at Jesse.Cheng@mail.house.gov or (562) 860-5050.